(b) if so, the status thereof;

(c) whether the Orissa Government has also requested him for sanction of funds for all the 30 districts wider RGGVY for which reports have already been submitted to the Central Government; and

(d) if so, the status thereof indicating the time-frame within which all these projects would be considered and the sanction would be conveyed to the State Government.

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Orissa have requested for allotment of coal blocks, from among those earmarked to be allocated to power producers to be identified on the basis of tariff based bidding by distribution companies. The details are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of Shell Company/proposed capacity (MW)	Coal Blocks applied for
1.	Bedabahal Thermal Power Co. Ltd. (3000 MW)	1. Ghogarpalli 2. Dipside of Ghogarpalli 3. Chaturdhara
2.	Marthapur Thermal Power Co. Ltd. (2500 MW)	Sakhigopal B
3.	Santrapur Thermal Power Co. Ltd. (3000 MW)	1. Bankhui 2. Alaknanda

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Four projects under RGGVY in Orissa namely Angul, Nayagarh, Gajapati and Ganjam are under implementation in the Phase-I of RGGVY. The remaining projects from Orissa will be taken up for consideration after the approval of the scheme under review in Eleventh Plan.

National Institute of Hydrological Sciences in TEHRI

†831. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Hydrological Sciences is proposed to be opened in Tehri in Uttarakhand in 2007-08; and

(b) if so, the details of steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) THDC have informed that they have earmarked a sum of Rs.15 crores towards setting up a Technical Training Institute at Tehri which could cover various subjects *viz.* Environment, Geology, Hydrology, Fisheries, Bio-technology etc.

A team of NPTI officers have also visited Tehri to provide assistance in this regard.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.